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SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

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1. DCM SAW ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER PADMORE EVENING JUNE 9 AND INQUIRED AS TO STATUS GOL RESPONSE TO ICRC LETTER. PADMORE "RECALLED" LETTER BEING RECEIVED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY BUT THOUGHT REPLY HAD NOT BEEN SENT. SAID WAS MATTER THAT REQUIRED FOREIGN MINISTER'S ATTENTION AND DOUMENTS PERTAINING THERETO WOULD HAVE TO PASS THROUGH HIS (PADMORE) HANDS ENROUTE TO FOREIGN MINISTER. PADMORE SAID HE WOULD ASCERTAIN THE STATUS OF THE REPLY AND ADVISE THE DCM. DCM EXPECTS SEE PADMORE AGAIN ON JULY 12 AND WILL REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION DCM REMINED PADMORE OF USG VIEW REGARDING PRG PARTICIPATION IN ICRC CONFERENCE. PADMORE EXPRESSED
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AGREEMENT AS PERSONAL RPT PERSONAL VIEW. WENT ON TO SAY HE

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FELT THERE WAS NO BAISS FOR PRG NOR GRUNK TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA TO WHICH THEY ARE SEEKING
ADMITTANCE. ASKED RHETORICALLY "WHY DO THESE PEOPLE KEEP TRYING
TO CONFUSE US AND PUT US IN THE MIDDLE?"

3. COMMENT: SUSPECT GOL HAS NOT FOCUSED ON ICRD CONFERENCE.
IF IT HAS,IT IS PROBABLY DEFERRING DECISION UNTIL IT GETS BETTER
READING OF INTENTIONS ITS OAU BRETHREN. AS FOR PADMORE'S
COMMENTS PARA 2 ABOVE, SUSPECT THEY REPRESENT VIEW OF OTHERS IN
KEY POSITIONS IN GOL. NEVERTHELESS, CONTINUE TO BELIEVE GOL
POSTURE WILL ULTIMATELY BE DETERMINED BY OAU ATTITUDES RATHER THAN
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